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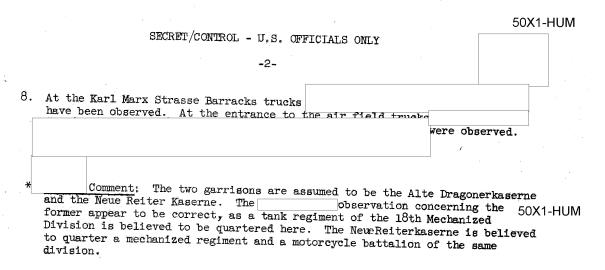
- 1. In December 1951 it was ascertained that each of the two casernes in Parchim quartered 1000 troops. The tank unit is stationed in the Dragoner Kaserne and in a block of the new garrison. The other four blocks are manned by anti-tank artillery units.*
- 2. A Ludwigslust firm installed a heating system, facilitating the qwick starting of engines in cold weather, in the tank garages in the autumn of 1951. The total number of tanks observed is ca. 100, a little over half of which are T-34's and the rest Stalins.
- 3. There is an ammunition dump for tank and airforce units hear the former station at Slate. A driveway paved with concrete leads from the Parchim-Purlitz road to the dump.
- 4. Under police guard, ca. 5 tons of explosives were transported from Frankfurt/Oder to an experimental station in the Sonnenberg area near Parchim where it was taken over by Russians.
- 5. Every Wednesday and Saturday morning, seven to eight tanks proceed from Karl Marx Strasse to the maneuvering grounds across from the air field.

 The tanks have six 50X1-HUM wheels and a long gun with muzzle brake. Three to four jeeps with officers always follow the column.
- 6. On 3 January 1952, 25 to 30 trucks were unloaded at the station and departed in the direction of Schwerin.
- 7. In the former machine factory KAHL on Ludwigslusterstrasse, there is a unit of 30 to 40 men who guard and maintain the guns which are placed there. This unit was established more than a year ago.

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